

RUSHING WORK ON THE CAPITOL

Strenuous Efforts to Get Ready
for the Law-
makers.

DRAWBACK ON FURNITURE

Fear Expressed It May Not Ar-
rive in Time—Mov-
ing in.

Holidays and nights are being utilized by the contractor and workmen at the new Capitol building in order to get it in shape, if possible, for the assembling of the Legislature, which will convene on January 10th at noon. The greatest drawback now seems to be the furniture for the two houses of the General Assembly, the arrival of which has already been delayed far beyond the time specified in the contract. The furniture was purchased through Jurgens and Company, of this city, from a Milwaukee concern, and the contract provides that it should have been here yesterday. Up to last night it had not arrived, and there seems to be great doubt as to when it will come. Those in charge are rather blue over the situation and express some fear that the Legislature will arrive ahead of the furniture. It is claimed that it was shipped on December 20th, and the concern from which it was bought says it will certainly be in by Saturday. If it comes by that time it can be readily placed by Tuesday night of next week.

If the furniture shall fail to come, temporary chairs and desks will have to be put in.

Interior Arrangement.

The halls of the House and Senate will be both beautiful and convenient when completed and furnished. The seats and desks in the former will be arranged for an amphitheatre effect, each circular row passing out from the Speaker's stand being elevated some six inches above the other. On the Senate side the floor is level and the seats arranged in straight rows.

The Senate clerk's office is on the same floor with the chamber, while that of the House is in the basement.

The House committee rooms are in the basement of the House wing, and those of the Senate in a corresponding position at the other end.

The old House Hall is intended for the Commissioner of Agriculture, but that officer prefers to remain where he is in the Library Building. The new Capitol is equipped with nearly every imaginable convenience, in the way of large rooms for the various officers, clerk rooms, committee rooms, etc.

Commission Rooms.

The State Corporation Commission will move in to-day, and will be ready for public business with open doors to-morrow. The splendid new elevator is being rigged up and will be run simultaneously with the advent of the commission. There is ample room for the commission, and the suite assigned the body is composed of several large rooms for public offices, and individual ones for each of the commissioners. The court room of the commission is on the lower floor and is a portion of the old Senate Chamber. The offices of the Governor and the Secretary of the Commonwealth occupying the entire southern end of the old building, and directly opposite those of the commission, are also well appointed. These latter officers and the Labor Commissioner will move in to-day.

The furniture for the Governor's office, all new has arrived and will be placed to-day. The rooms were being connected up with electric wires yesterday and the carpets will be laid as soon as this is completed. Linoleum was laid yesterday in the galleries of the two Houses.

If the legislative furniture will come in time the Capitol will be cleaned up and put in good order by next Monday or Tuesday.

Commandery of St. Andrews.

The following officers of the Commandery of St. Andrew, No. 13, Knights Templar, were installed last night: Eminent commander, J. M. Clift; generalissimo, Jefferson Wallace; captain-general, Sol. Cutchins; senior warden, Thomas B. McAdams; junior warden, F. Taylor Sutton; excellent prelate, Rev. John Moncreif, D. D.; treasurer, Charles A. Nesbitt; recorder, George C. Jefferson; standard bearer, Thomas H. Betty; sword bearer, Thomas M. Hundley; warder, O. V. Shomo; sentinel, George B. Steel; armorer, James A. Pamplin; Persian guard, George Schoen; third guard, George W. Hunter; second guard, T. Wilbur Chelf; first guard, L. B. Stegfield.

Lieutenant McCabe Leaves.

Lieutenant Edward Raynesforth Warner McCabe, United States army, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Colonel and Mrs. W. Gordon McCabe, left yesterday for Fort Leavenworth, where he is stationed.

Visited Here During Holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Downs have returned to their home in Berkeley, Va., after being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Finkle during the Christmas holidays.

New Year's Acknowledgement.

The S. Galeski Optical Company found the year just closed the most prosperous in its more than twenty years of existence. The true and tried policy of the establishment will continue—that is to render service only consistent with the standard of highest excellence at the lowest possible charges, keeping always in view the absolutely correct adjustment of spectacles and eye glasses for the improvement and preservation of the eyesight. We beg to extend our thanks to the thousands of our valued patrons and to wish them all a happy and prosperous new year.

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Bits of News From Everywhere.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" ON BOX OF POISONED CANDY

CLINTON, IOWA, January 1.—With the words "Merry Christmas" written on the wrapping, a box of poisoned candy was received by mail by Miss Melba Carstensen to-day.

The box contained a dozen bonbons, the insides of which had been mixed with carbolio acid.

Miss Carstensen was warned by the odor and did not eat the candy.

Grandfather at Thirty-five.

WINSTED, CONN., January 1.—Probably the youngest grandfather in New England is Gus Jenks, of this city, who, although but thirty-five years old, is now the proud possessor of a grandchild.

He was married at sixteen, and his daughter, Mrs. Charles Hoag, was a wife at the same age.

**READY TO WED WITH
50 CENTS IN HIS POCKET**

SOUTH HAVEN, MICH., January 1.—Because he lacked the price of a marriage ceremony, Conrad Crouse, of this city, eighty years old, was obliged to forego until a more prosperous period his wedding to Mrs. Florence R. Payne, his housekeeper, who is sixteen years his junior.

Money was no consideration with the prospective bride, as evidenced by the fact that she had been informed a short time before that her husband-to-be had only 50 cents left after paying for the marriage license.

Jobs Cost Ohio 68 Cents a Head.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 1.—The Free State Employment Bureau secured positions for 19,000 persons in 1905. The departments cost \$13,371.89, making the cost to the State of getting each job for person sixty-eight cents.

Brass Band to Convert Erring.

CLEVELAND, January 1.—The Men's Club of Rockefeller's church celebrated New Year's night by marching through the Tenderloin with a brass band at their head, holding services of prayer.

Carry Nation Smashes Saloon.

HOUSTON, January 1.—Carrie Nation smashed a saloon here named after her. She used her trusty hatchet and stones. The police refused to arrest her unless the proprietor would enter a complaint, which he has not done.

Mayor Fines Himself

HARRISBURG, January 1.—Mayor Gross to-day fined himself \$2 for keeping

ing an unlicensed dog, and ordered himself to have the dog licensed. The puppy, which up to date had never strayed from his home, got out on the street and was captured by the dogcatcher in accordance with a city ordinance.

Governor After Alabama Lynchers.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., January 1.—Governor Jelks has ordered an investigation of the lynching a few nights ago in the Wilcox county, which he declares was a disgrace to the State.

Ex-Governor Jackson's Sister Dead.

SALISBURY, MD., January 1.—Mrs. Jacob C. Phillips, who was the sister of ex-Governor Elihu H. Jackson, ex-Congressman William H. Jackson and the late Wilbur F. Jackson, died early this morning, after a long illness, from heart trouble. She is survived by a husband and the following children: Hugh Phillips, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Irving Blount, of Brooklyn; Paul Phillips, of Birmingham, Ala.; and J. Carroll Phillips, of Salisbury.

Shoe Factory Burns at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, January 1.—An eight-story building at 218 and 220 East Fourth street, occupied by Julian & Kokene, manufacturers of shoes, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$125,000, covered by insurance.

Polish Catholic Church Burned.

NANTICOKE, PA., January 1.—The Polish Catholic church here was destroyed by fire to-night. The loss on building and furniture will reach \$10,000. Origin unknown.

Arrest for Harvard Theft.

BOSTON, January 1.—The Cambridge police are satisfied that in James H. Langley, who was arrested last night, they have the man who has been doing the stealing in the Harvard University dormitories during the last month or more. It is estimated that several thousand dollars' worth of property has been stolen within a short time.

Train Wreck Near Driftwood.

DRIFTWOOD, PA., January 1.—While running at a high speed a passenger train on the Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania Railroad left the rails, the locomotive plowing along over the ties for a considerable distance, finally heading into a bank of earth. None of the passengers was hurt. The rails had been spread by a falling tree.

May Shine Kaiser's Boots.

BERLIN, January 1.—Raok, the San Francisco youth whose ambition is to polish the boots of great men all over the world, is now here. He blacked the boots of Ambassador Tower this morning. He was promised to aid the young man in obtaining an opportunity to polish the Kaiser's boots.

News in Paragraphs

Portions of Oklahoma have been flooded with counterfeit \$10 bills of the Buffalo type.

With smallpox aboard the British steamer *Jessie Burns* has been quarantined at Baltimore.

Cut-glass manufacturers have been called to meet in New York January 10th to organize to prevent price cutting.

The two German newspapers of Milwaukee have formed an alliance, but will be published separately as usual.

Women in Cleveland are being urged to practice pistol shooting to protect themselves against thieves and thugs.

Indicted, it is claimed, in Boston, for larceny and forgery, John Dew and Mrs. Louis H. M. Hood have been arrested in Chicago.

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**DRIFT WOOD IN RUDDER;
COLLIDES AND SINKS**

**Steamboat Robert A. Sam Goes
Down With Chambermaid
and One Deck Hand.**

(By Associated Press.)

NATCHITOCHES, LA., January 1.—The steamboat Robert A. Sam sank at Grand Ecour, a point on Red River, four miles from here at an early hour yesterday. Driftwood became entangled in her rudder and the pilot was unable to control the boat. The current sent her into collision with the protection work of the bridge and she sank immediately. The chambermaid and a deck hand were drowned. The boat is a total wreck and her cargo was lost.

GREAT WORK FOR THE LAWMAKERS

Legislature Will Come Here at
Noon January
10.

FIGHT ON SPEAKERSHIP

Great Flood of Important Bills
Expected Early in
Session.

With the tolling of the hour of noon on Wednesday December 10th, will begin in the splendid new Capitol building, one of the most unique sessions of Virginia Legislature, held since the establishment of the Commonwealth.

There are many circumstances which make this so, and which will give added interest to the session as its brief life of sixty days flits rapidly away, and the deeds of its members become a part of the history of a great State.

It is the first session to which all the intricate innovations of the new organic law have applied, and these are numerous and violent enough to make it at once of striking public interest. Its duration will be but sixty days, whereas former regular sessions have lived for three months; it will be the first to sit in the new chambers, which are palaces compared with the old; it will be the first to convene in January; the others having come in December, and it will be the first to operate under two State adminis-

trations and to receive messages from two different Governors.

The patronage of the legislature has been abridged rather than increased by the Constitution, though there is enough left still to produce some lively skirmishing, both in and out of the Democratic caucus.

Only One Vacancy.

When the House convenes the roll will contain one hundred members. That of the Senate will have but thirty-nine until the vacancy in Halifax can be filled. This election cannot take place until twenty days after it is ordered, and this will leave Halifax without a Senator for some weeks after the session convenes.

The joint caucus will nominate all the Supreme Court and city judges and one-third of the circuit judges in the State. One of the hottest fights over the latter will come from the Thirteenth Circuit, where Judge G. Taylor Garnett, of Mathews, is being opposed by Hon. Claggett B. Jones, of King and Queen. Another is out in the Roanoke Circuit, where the incumbent, Judge Moormann has two opponents. They are former Judge Moffett, of Roanoke, and former Judge J. E. Tucker, of the same city. It looks as if the Supreme Court judges will have no opposition and the same is probably true of the various city judges.

But One to Elect.

The "basement" officers to be chosen are but few. Indeed there is but one, and that is the Superintendent of Public Printing for an unexpired term. Superintendent

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trient Bottom is a candidate for reelection, with apparently good prospects of success, though he will have several candidates against him.

The terms of the first and second auditors and register of the land office run over until the next Legislature.

All the other "basement" officers heretofore chosen by the Legislature have been made elective by the people.

The Democrats of the House and Senate will hold separate caucuses on the night of Tuesday next, to nominate their officers. The speakership of the House is attracting a good deal of attention. There are three strong men in the field. They are Captain W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover; Colonel R. B. Lee, Jr., of Fairfax; and Hon. John W. Churchman, of Augusta.

Friends Confident.

Captain Cardwell and his friends appear confident, but the other men are putting up strong fights.

Mr. John W. Williams, of Giles, will be re-elected clerk of the House without opposition, and will name his own assistants. Captain J. M. Johnston, of Rockbridge, has no opposition, so far as is known, for sergeant-at-arms, and the same is true of Colonel S. M. Newcomb, of Culpeper, and Captain P. E. Lipscomb, who so well filled, respectively, the positions of first and second doorkeepers in the last House.

The Speaker will appoint the pages. Four are allotted to Richmond, and their names have already been printed.

There will be almost a complete readjustment of the committees on both sides, as a great many of the old men did not come back. The Speaker names the House committees, while those on the Senate side are elected by that body.

In the Senate.

Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson will preside over the Senate, but he participates in no caucuses of the body, nor does he have a voice in its affairs save to vote in case of a tie.

Hon. Henry T. Wickham will again be president pro tem., and Colonel Joseph Button, clerk. Colonel Button, like Clerk Williams, of the lower branch, will name his own assistant clerks.

Mr. Frank B. Watkins, of Charlotte.

Guthrie, chairman of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, who was operated upon here Saturday night for appendicitis, and whose condition Sunday was critical, is resting comfortably, and his physicians hold out encouragements for his ultimate recovery.

Military Hop.

An inspection and military hop will be given to-morrow night by the Walker Light Guard, Company B, Seventeenth Virginia Regiment. The hall will be given in the armory at Seventh and Marshall Streets, the inspection commencing at 8:30 and the dance at 9 o'clock. The committee is composed of First Lieutenant W. A. Stack; Second Lieutenant J. H. Spence and Sergeant S. A. Wells.

These May Preside.

Among the probable new committee chairmen on the Senate side are: Courts of Justice—Judge William Hodges Mann.

General Laws—Shands or Sale. Roads—Wickham, of Hanover. Finance—Kezell, of Rockingham. Counties, Cities and Towns—Walker, of Northumberland.

Agriculture—Garnett, of Henry. Enrolled Bills—Sears, of Mathews. It is hard to tell what will happen in this line on the House side, but here is a forecast:

Elections—James R. Catton. Courts—N. B. Early, Jr. General Laws—E. P. Cox. Roads—Churchman, of Augusta, or Baker, of Chesterfield. Finance—Tipton D. Jennings. Militia and Police—George T. Snead. Asylums and Prisons—Snead or R. S. Powell.

Labor and the Poor—J. J. Owen. Schools and Colleges—N. B. Early, Jr., or J. J. Owen.

These are all mere guesses, but they are thought to be fairly correct, from what can be gathered on the inside.

Many Important Bills.

There is no end to the legislation that will be proposed in the new General Assembly. Governor Montague will make a string of recommendations, and then Governor Swanson will come along with another batch. Apart from these, many members will come here with their pockets bulging with bills, while others will be drawn and offered from day to day.

Senator Thomas S. Martin will be chosen his own successor for a term of six years from March 4, 1907, a few days after the body meets. By this time the committee will be ready for business, and the heavy fighting will begin in earnest.

Here are some of the public measures most talked of:

To increase the appropriations to the various educational and eleemosynary institutions of the State.

To permanently improve the public highways.

To make more efficient the public school system.

To legalize party primaries.

To modify the present social club laws.

To beautify the capitol grounds.

To provide for the appointment of commissioners of revenue by the courts.

To create a bureau of insurance, and to regulate that business in Virginia.

To modify the land-grab act.

To break the Baylor order survey.

To inaugurate the Torrens land registration system.

To redistrict the State into Congressional districts.

To increase the appropriation for Confederate pensions.

May Raise Salaries.

There is still another measure which is talked of, and which is of public interest. Some years ago, when the treasury was running low, the fees and salaries of nearly all the county and city officers where the State is interested were cut. By degrees nearly all these have been restored, save those of the attorneys for the Commonwealth.

In some of the counties and cities the

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limit is so low that it is contended that good lawyers can ill afford to accept the positions. It is believed, that a strong move will be made to have the limit raised, so that these officers may be put fairly in the position of others who were cut, and whose salaries have since, in some measure at least, been restored. But this is not half the story. Bills not yet dreamed of will be presented, and some lively fights are expected during the session.

C. G. Guthrie's Condition.
(By Associated Press.)
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REFUSED ADMISSION TO UNCLE'S FUNERAL

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, January 1.—The funeral of Charles T. Yerkes, the late traction promoter, took place from his home on Fifth Avenue to-day. The funeral services were conducted by a Quaker minister. They were very simple, and attended only by members of the family and a few close friends of Mr. Yerkes. The body was placed in the Yerkes mausoleum in Greenwood Cemetery.

While the funeral service was being conducted, Charles Yerkes, of Johnsville, Pa., who said he is a son of Samuel Yerkes, a brother of the dead man, arrived and requested admission to attend the service, but the servants refused to admit him to the house. Four coaches followed the hearse from the house. The second was occupied by Mrs. Yerkes, wife of the deceased; Mr. Yerkes's daughter, Mrs. Bella Rondinella, and Clarence H. Knight, Mr. Yerkes's former legal adviser. A block from the house the procession was joined by a hack in which was Charles Yerkes, of Pennsylvania. He was not present at the mausoleum.